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## FOREIGN NEWS

LONDON, March 31; 4:15 a. m.—The head of the army of Lord Roberts is now about twenty-one miles north of Bloemfontein. It occupies a cluster of hills won from the Boers after a stiff fight, in which the British lost seven officers and 100 men.

The reason why a hot chase was not made after Commander Olivier is that Lord Roberts did not wish to wear out the cavalry transport. General French lost 3,000 horses in the relief of Kimberley and the pursuit of General Cronje. Lord Roberts lost 3,000 transport cattle at Watervall Drift, and it is estimated that he has lost 4,000 other animals since the forward movement began on Feb. 13.

The advance beyond Bloemfontein is through a bare country and the supply officers foresee an increasing difficulty in providing for a great army moving along a single line of railway, even when the latter is working smoothly and with ample rolling stock.

LONDON, March 29.—The Pretoria correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing yesterday, says:

"General Joubert died of peritonitis. The funeral will take place tomorrow (Thursday). The Government is pleading with the widow to allow a temporary interment here, with a state funeral. Joubert always expressed a desire to be buried in a mausoleum built on his farm.

"His successor in the chief command will probably be General Louis Botha, now commanding in Natal."

LONDON, March 30.—Queen Victoria has cabled to Lord Roberts asking him to convey to Mrs. Joubert, widow of General Joubert, her sympathy at the loss of her husband, and to tell her that the British people always regarded the dead general as a gallant soldier and honorable foeman.

LONDON, March 30.—The War Office has issued the following from Lord Roberts to the Secretary of War:

"BLOEMFONTEIN, March 30.—Owing to the activity of the enemy on our immediate front and their hostile action toward burghers who surrendered, I found it necessary to drive them from some kopjes they had occupied near Kamee Siding station, a few miles south of Brandfort. The operation was successfully carried out by the seventh division, assisted by the first and third cavalry brigades under French and Le Gallais' regiment of mounted infantry. The enemy retreated to Brandfort, and our troop now hold the kopjes.

LONDON, Mar. 28, 5 A. M.—The Standard gives double-headed prominence to the following dispatch from Odessa:

"There can be no longer any doubt as to the object of the warlike preparations now being completed in South Russia. Nearly 250,000 troops have already been mobilized for active service. The Black Sea squadron, with transports, is held in instant readiness.

"The tension in the relations between St. Petersburg and the Sublime Porte becomes every day more acute. The position is looked upon with the gravest apprehension.

"If the Ottoman Government, supported by Germany, should prove stubbornly intractable with regard to Russia's concessionary demands in Asia Minor, serious complications must inevitably ensue. The Russian garrisons in the Caucasus and along the Armenian frontier have been increased fourfold and equipped for active service."

LONDON, March 28—4 A. M.—Commandant Olivier appears to have gotten his 5,000 men and twenty-five miles of wagons into rugged country, where he can make an easy rear-guard defense. Charles Williams, the military expert, says:

"If this column gets through substantially Olivier will have carried out the great feat of the war, seeing that he ran every chance of being ground between the upper millstone of Lord Roberts' army and the nether millstone of the broken Basuto frontier. He will have done it within fifty miles or so of Lord Roberts' main strength. Certainly it looked for a week though Lord Roberts held Olivier in the hollow of his hand. If Olivier gets through to Kroonstad with even 3,000 men it will be an important addition to the Boer gathering there. His escape is attributable in part to the worn out condition of the British cavalry horses."

The correspondent of the Daily News at Lourenzo Marquez, telegraphing Sunday says: The Transvaal War Office announces that the southern commands from Colesberg and Stromberg will join the main body within forty-eight hours. Some apprehension exists that Commandant Olivier and Commandant Grobler may be cut off.

The Boers are having a little good luck and are showing some boldness again, as a raiding party estimated at 400 is believed by the British forces at Warrenton to have headed for Jacobsdal, with the intention of cutting the railway ten miles west.

Lord Roberts' transports appear to have been badly dislocated by the loss at Reit river, before Cronje's surrender, of the wagon train and in addition to this the army with which he purposes to advance toward Pretoria is nearly double that of the earlier rapid movements.

Ten thousand transport, cavalry and gun animals are due to arrive at Cape ports during this and next week.

It is given out at Cape Town that Lord Roberts' advance may be delayed for a month. Although such statements should be received with reserve, it seems positive that he intends to go to Cape Town to meet Lady Roberts, who is due to arrive there in ten days.

The War Office has issued another table of British losses, showing an aggregate of 16,652, which does not include 4,004 who have been invalided home.

YOKOHAMA, March 27.—A Russian squadron has arrived at Chemulpo. It is believed this presages a demand for a concession of land at Masanpho, a small harbor twenty miles south of Chemulpo, and is arousing uneasy comments in Japan.

PEKING, March 27.—The "Boxer" movement in the north is assuming alarming proportions. News has been received here that an indecisive but severe fight has taken place between the "Boxers" and imperial troops at Yen Chiu, province of Chi Li. Each force numbered about 1500 men and there were heavy casualties on both sides.

## TELEGRAPHIC ITEMS

The sale of the library of the late Augustin Daly realized \$100,035.

There is fear of another outbreak between the native factions in Samoa.

General Sir George White was accorded an immense reception in Cape Town, March 27.

Ex Secretary of the Interior, Hoke Smith, has sold the Atlanta Journal to a syndicate of Bostonians.

J. Pierpont Morgan has gone to Europe to arrange with William K. Vanderbilt for a big railroad deal.

Krueger threatens to hold Lord Salisbury's son as a hostage for the good treatment of Boer officials.

H. C. Grosvenor of Ohio has been nominated to Congress for the sixth time. In accepting the nomination, he made a strong speech favoring the renomination of McKinley.

James B. Dilla, a corporation lawyer of New York is reported to have received a fee of \$1,000,000 for his services in healing the breach between Carnegie and Frick.

It is stated that the first act of the Boer Peace Commission, on arriving at Brussels will be to relieve Dr. Leyds the diplomatic agent, of his official position.

A resolution was to be moved in the Cape Parliament, March 30, by J. Rose Innes, former leader of the British in the Parliament, in favor of the annexation of the Boer republics.

The Duke of Orleans was soundly thrashed by an Englishman on account of his letter of congratulation to M. Willette, the artist who caricatured the Queen in Le Rire.

Congressman Kahn of California has secured the introduction of an amendment in the Hawaiian bill excluding Island Chinese from the United States.

The Australian Premiers have joined in a cablegram to Mr Chamberlain declaring that it is undesirable to conclude peace in South Africa except on terms guaranteeing the absolute supremacy of British rule.

Secretary Root has created a new military division to be known as "the Division of the Philippines," embracing all of the Philippine archipelago.

General Bates will command the Department of Northern Luzon; General Hughes, the Department of the Visayas, and General Kobbe the Department of Mindanao and Jolo.

Copies of Filipino documents captured by the American troops disclose the fact, that a meeting at Hongkong, May 5, 1898, it was decided by the Filipino junta to fight the United States if this government declined to give them complete independence, and measures were taken to secure arms for the Tagalos.

No apology was demanded or received by the United States from Lord Salisbury for tampering with Macrum's mail. An explanation was voluntarily made by the British officials to the effect that in the rush of mail to be censored it was possible that some of Mr. Macrum's mail was opened by mistake.

St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chicago was recently robbed by William Porter and Edward Jackson, two notorious crooks. They completely stripped the altars and vestry, carrying away over \$2100.00 worth of plunder. A few hours later, they were cornered on the roof of a dwelling, and after a long struggle, were knocked senseless and handcuffed. Later, both men confessed.

A gold statue of Miss Maude Adams, weighing 712 pounds, has been cast in the bronze foundry of Henry Bonnard in New York City.

Bessie O. Potter Vonnoh is the sculptor, and Miss Adams gave her twenty five sittings. The statue is of life size, and stands six feet on the pedestal. It portrays Miss Adams as "the American Girl", in a simple pose, erect, her hands close to her sides, and wearing a plain evening dress, with lace at the throat.

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